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RAILWAYS
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ACCIDENTS DUE TO RAIL FRACTURE IN WINTER
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have taken prospective steps in view of increase in the number of accidents due to rail fracture in winter;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether certain modern techniques are used/available to get rid of this problem; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) & (b): The consequential train accidents due to rail fracture including weld fractures have reduced during 2006-07 as compared to 2005-06. Rail and welds are examined by Ultrasonic Flaw Detection at regular frequency. Patrolling is also introduced in winter as per requirement to detect the fractures in advance to avert accident.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.